(b) whether NCC will be given powers to lay down guidelines on credit policy, evaluation, monitoring and review of such guidelines in an independent and non-partisan manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, Haryana, Karnataka and West Bengal in a meeting held at Calcutta on 28th January, 1989 are reported to have made some suggestions on Centre-State relations including the one relating to setting up of a National Credit Council. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that while formulating the credit policy, the RBI takes into account not only to developments at the national level but also of different regions and States as well as the special requirements of specific schemes. Further, there is a procedure of consultation with the State Government in the form of Regional Consultative Committees and State Level Bankers Committees. In view of this it is neither necessary nor desirable to set up another body such as National Credit Council.

Ransacking of women's hostel room by some personnel of Assam Rifles in Imphal

3552. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hostel room of Ms. Nandita Haksar in Imphal was ransacked by some personnel of Assam Rifles recently;

(b) whether Government would look into this clear violation of elementary human rights;

(c) whether it is a fact that similar attack was made by the Hoodlums at the residence of Ms. Srilata Swaminathan a few months ago in Rajasthan; and

(d) whether Government would appoint a Human Rights Tribunal to look into such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) At the instance of the State Government, Assam Rifles carried out operations in and around Imphal from 17th December to 21st December, 88 to check and prevent infiltration of undergrounds into Imphal town. These operations were carried out for the purposes of security of the State. The question of violating human rights does not, therefore, arise.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan have informed that one case of Ms. Srilata Swaminathan was reported on 3.10.88 and a case was registered and challaned against 11 accused persons.

(d) No such proposal is under Government's consideration.

राजघाट बांध

3553. **डा. गोविन्ददास रिछारिया :** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राजघाट बांध के निर्माण में अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई और चालू वित्त वर्ष में वास्तव में कितना काम हुआ है और क्या यह निर्धारित लक्ष्यों के अनुरूप है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिये निकट भविष्य में केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या करने का विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) इस वर्ष के दौरान इस कार्य के प्रति उत्तर प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश की सरकारों का क्या अंशदान रहा है और अगर इसके लिये अंशदान नहीं किया गया है तो केन्द्रीय सरकार इसके बारे में क्या करने का विचार रखती है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) चिनाई बांध पर लगभग 60% और मिट्टी बांध

पर 96% तथा दो हैड नियामकों पर 97% से अधिक कार्य पूरा हो गया है ।

(ख) विलम्ब का कारण मुख्यतया निर्माण अभिकरणों द्वारा कार्य की धीमी प्रगति है । उन्हें कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिये कहा गया है ।

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश तथा मध्य प्रदेश द्वारा क्रमश: 8.10 करोड़ रुपए तथा 4.37 करोड़ रुपए का अंशदान किया गया है ।

Setting up of a climate monitoring body

3554. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a climate monitoring body to review on a continual basis the emerging trends in global warning and its implication on the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The government is considering setting up an advisory committee to advise the government on the issues of global warming and ozone layer depletion. The details are under consideration.

Certifying of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax free

3555. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Direct Taxes has refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free, if so, whether the present subscribers will accept them;

(b) what was the reasons for taking such a decision and whether it can be reversed and whether negotiations are going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other; if so, with what results;

(c) whether Bank of India has been paid higher commission on the issue; if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether MTNL has demanded the refund of the excess fees; and

(d) whether the controller of capital issues will take punitive action against the bankers for flouting its directives; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. Central Board of Direct Texes has not refused to certify the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited bonds as tax-free. Bank of India continues to remain as Registered holders of 10 years-9 per cent (tax free) secured redeemable non-convertible Bonds (2nd issue) in the Nigam's Books.

(b) The question does not arise. There are no negotiations going on between the Controller of Capital Issues and CBDT on the one hand and the aggrieved parties on the other.

(c) Payment of commission, etc are matters of commercial arrangement between the concerned organisations.

(d) No directives have been issued by the CCI to Bank of India and as such the question of taking punitive action does not arise.

Socio-economic conditions of tea plantation workers

3556. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the socio-economic conditions of the tea plantation workers in the Dooars area in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal is deteriorating;

(b) whether it is, also a fact that a large number of tea gardens out of a total of 153 are becoming sick;